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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At about 11:30 a.m. on 19 February 1954, a troop train with 20 boxcars, including some occupied by troops, left Krahwinkel toward Frankenhain. It also involved about 30 trucks, 2 ambulances, several jeeps and sedans, T-34/85 tanks SU-100 gun 3 light ZIS-3 field guns and 3 x 57-mm AT guns. The shipment allegedly was loaded in Krahwinkel.¹ 25X1
2. On 26 February, a column of about 10 vehicles, including 3 trucks with 120-mm mortars in traveling position and other trucks carrying another 3 mortars went from Meiningen toward Zella-Mehlis. 25X1
3. On 20 February, the Polizei Kaserne, Suhl, was occupied by an estimated 1,000 troops. the cantonment near Losse was also occupied.³ 25X1
4. In the afternoon on 10 February, 4 trucks towing 4 heavy AA guns left the Flak Kaserne (8501) in Weimar toward west. In the afternoon on 15 February, a shipment including 10 AT guns was seen at the Weimar freight station. In the morning on 18 February, 8 T-34/85 tanks passed through Weimar, proceeding westward. 25X1
5. In the morning on 15 February, a column of 12 trucks towing AT guns left Dresden toward Koenigsbrueck. On 16 February, a column of 7 trucks, each occupied by 12 troops carrying full field pack and including 1 truck mounting a heavy AA machine gun, was seen en route in the same direction.⁴
1. Comment. Presumably a unit of the 20th Gds Mech Div, which engaged in firing practices in the Krahwinkel area.
2. Comment. Probably a unit of the 117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which went to Ohrdruf for firing practices.
3. Comment. Units of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, possibly the 13th Mtrcl Bn, are carried in Suhl.

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